

FRENCH GAIN GROUND

REPUBLICANS MAKE SWEEP IN CITY ELECTION

GERMANS HAVE HEAVY LOSSES

Shrapnel Works Havoc among the German Troops at Very Close Range.

RAKING FIRE BY FRENCH

Germans with New Formations Unable to Escape Furious Responses of Artillery.

PARIS, April 5.—The French gained ground north of Callette wood, northeast of Verdun, in the course of several engagements during the night, the war office announced today.

In yesterday's fighting around Verdun the Germans lost considerable ground and again sustained heavy casualties notwithstanding the new formation of their attacking parties.

At 3 p. m. after the ground had been battered by several hundred tons of projectiles a thin line of riflemen debouched from Chaffour wood a little to the northwest of Douaumont. The Germans advanced by short bounds towards the French trenches about 300 yards south of the village. A second and third line followed at equal distances with small supporting and attacking columns in the rear. This formation has been noted during the last few days and is regarded by the French as proof that the Germans have been sorely punished in their previous assaults in serious ranks.

But the charge proved ineffective. The first line of riflemen advanced to within fifty yards of the French trenches and there had to drop to the ground under heavy shrapnel fire and sustained musketry. The second and third lines attempted to advance to the support of the first line but were stopped far in the rear by machine gun fire.

The Germans in the first line were in a very critical position. Shrapnel worked havoc among them. To charge was out of the question and as long as they remained at the point to which they had advanced they were exposed to a devastating fire. The second and third lines were little better off for they were within range of the French three inch guns. The entire attacking force finally adopted the only move open, retreating under a raking fire to Chaffour wood. They left half their number on the field. At least three regiments took part in the attack.

The action of yesterday is regarded by military men as of great significance as showing that the Germans, even with their new formation, are unable to escape the furious responses of French artillery; that the French positions, though they may be vulnerable at certain exposed points, cannot be shaken, and that the French counter offensive is effective.

DR. FLEMING WILL SPEAK

At the Industrial School Building at the Commencement Exercises of District.

The commencement of Clark district will be held at the Industrial school building April 10, and the following program will be rendered:

Song—"America."
Violin solo—A. P. Steward.
Essay—"Alcohol"—A. P. Steward.

Vocal solo—Kate Flora.
Essay—"School Work"—Mark Mark Shanberger.

Essay—"Cigarettes"—Mary Webster.

Essay—"Wasted Work"—Maggie Love.

Essay—"Working through College"—Margaret Lewis.

Address—Wallace B. Fleming, president of West Virginia Wesleyan College.

Vocal solo—Lucy Thomas.

Tuesday, April 11, a drama of four acts will be given by the teachers of Clark district.

Act I.—Valley farm. An afternoon in August. A serpent has crept into Eden.

Act II.—The Rutledge mansion, New York City, the following December. The engagement.

Act III.—Same as Act II. Parted.

Act IV.—At the farm again. An evening in the next March. Triumph of love.

TWO MEN ARRESTED.

Two men giving the names of George Jenkins and Thomas Jones were arrested in Glen Elk Tuesday night by Police Officer Yates on charges of disorderly conduct. Their trial is scheduled to come up before Mayor G. H. Gordon in police court at 7 o'clock this evening.

ELKS INSTALL OFFICERS FOR LODGE'S YEAR

New Exalter Ruler of the Clarksburg Lodge is H. Frank Horr.

At the regular meeting of Clarksburg Lodge, No. 482, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the following officers were installed for the year with H. A. Heinze the installing officer:

Exalted ruler—H. Frank Horr.
Esteemed leading knight—Claude H. Atzrodt.

Esteemed loyal knight—O. H. Levier.

Esteemed lecturing knight—James T. Keenan.

Secretary—R. W. Jones.

Treasurer—A. A. Farland.

Tiler—A. Hooper.

Trustee—John J. Denham.

Representative to the Grand Lodge—Wilbur C. Morrison.

Alternate—Jay Reefer.

The following officers were appointed for the year:

Esquire—Charles F. Kester.

Chaplain—W. C. Morrison.

Inner guard—Sherman T. Jacob.

The following committees were appointed for the year:

Finance—Walter B. Wilson, Lyle A. Smith and O. W. Robinson.

Charity—Claude H. Atzrodt, A. A. Crawford and E. Stringer Bogges.

Entertainment—W. C. Morrison, A. J. Smith, Frank C. Welch, Wirt Lewis and Dr. W. P. Goff.

Library—R. W. Jones, Fred Howard and R. E. Gill.

Memorial—H. A. Heinze, C. M. Crist, A. J. Smith, Claude H. Atzrodt, O. H. Levier, W. B. Wilson and S. T. Jacob.

Board of governors—Charles F. Kester, H. A. Heinze, F. J. Welch, D. S. Lawmen, Claude H. Atzrodt, W. C. Morrison, R. W. Jones, James T. Keenan and H. Frank Horr.

Visiting—John F. Kearns, W. G. Osborn and J. Wade Coffman.

Echo editorial staff—W. C. Morrison, A. J. Smith, R. W. Jones, W. H. Cole and Charles F. Kester.

Second degree team—Dr. J. J. Cranwell, William T. Street, A. A. Crawford, Lee R. Rogers and Clifford R. Hill.

STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, April 5.—The Spanish steamer Vigo of 1,337 gross tons was sunk in the bay of Biscay by a German submarine, according to a Lloyd's report. The crew were set adrift in a boat and later were picked up by the British steamer Polo and taken to Gibraltar. Lloyd's also reports the sinking of the British steamer Ben Dew of 3,681 tons gross with the loss of one of the crew.

TUESDAY'S TRAGEDY



MORE TROOPS NEEDED IN PURSUIT OF VILLA

NEW BARGE

Of a New Type Makes Its Maiden Trip in Relief of River Traffic.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 4.—Inco No. 1, the first of a fleet of all steel self-propelled barges completed for the Inland Navigation Company, and with which it is expected to revive river trade tied up at the Louisville wharf, today made its maiden trip. The 200-foot freighter was completed yesterday at Jeffersonville, Ind., opposite here on the Ohio river.

Inco No. 1 will burn crude oil and is equipped with wireless. Its cargo will be handled principally mechanically as other equipment includes a travelling crane, electric winches and self-propelled freight carrying trucks. A complete refrigerating plant also has been installed.

ARENA TORPEDOED.

LONDON, April 5.—The crew of the Norwegian steamship Arena, 1,019 tons gross, has been taken to Ymuiden by the trawler Clare. A Reuter despatch from Ymuiden says the Arena was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine.

Detachments of Infantry Are Ordered to Be Trained for Mountain Climbing.

TASK GROWS DIFFICULT

Long Hunt is Anticipated by the Commander of American Forces in Mexico.

TORREON, Mexico, April 5.—A Villa band under Simon Reyes and Chacon lost forty-two killed in an attempt to surprise the garrison in the mining town of Parras, several miles east of here, last Saturday. The garrison under Colonel J. M. Gonzales drove off the bandits and captured a quantity of arms and a number of horses.

EL PASO, April 5.—The problem of locating and capturing Villa somewhere within an area of 1,600 square miles confronts Brigadier General Pershing today.

Information from the front states that the American troops have been disposed to the best possible advantage, but the task of running down the Mexican bandit in an ever widening territory as the brigand moves southward into Mexican interior becomes increasingly difficult.

More troops are necessary, it is declared. General Pershing has ordered that detachments of infantry be trained for mountain climbing and the establishment of a sort of American chasseur corps will be undertaken.

The American commander anticipates a long hunt and is preparing for it. A Torreon despatch places Villa at Malca, ninety miles southwest of Guerrero. If this is true the bandit is probably proceeding along the old coach road that leads into Santa Rosa, whence he could move on to Parral, his reported objective.

Through the intervention of Mexican Consul Garcia the execution of three ring leaders of the conspiracy to seize Juarez last Sunday night and declare for the Villa-Felix Diaz plot has been staid. The conspirators were to have faced a firing squad in Juarez at sunrise today. The El Paso police are searching for a score of Mexican plotters who are said to be hiding in this city.

TOWN SAGES AT NORTHVIEW HOLD MEETING

Various Questions Are Passed on Including a Dog and Livestock Ordinance.

At the regular meeting of the Northview town council this week, the mayor and all the councilmen were present. The following bills were ordered paid:

D. M. Stull, \$44.26; Link Bird, \$35; Code Bird, \$10; Arch Hamrick, \$5.62; C. R. Summerville, \$3; Oil Well Supply Company, \$24.45; Banks Plumbing Co., \$27.24; H. C. Haskins, \$1.65; Bossmer Gas Engine Company, \$5.41; Parr Lumber Company, \$35.68; Hart Bros., \$8.50; Harvey Starkey, \$4; Jessie Burkhammer, \$2; H. C. Hoskins, \$5.45; A. L. Matthews, \$11; Parr Lumber Company, \$6.80; B. Frank Hornor, \$17.50; Keely Brothers, \$350; Baird Machinery Company, \$300; Frick and Lindsay, \$50.

The dog and livestock ordinance passed its final reading.

NAY FUNERAL

Services Held at Home on Monticello Avenue Wednesday Afternoon.

Funeral services over the body of Mrs. Rowana Noy, widow of the late Enoch Noy, who died at 6:15 o'clock Tuesday evening at her home, 355 Monticello avenue, following an illness of heart trouble were held at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home and the funeral party went to Shinnston on the 2:30 o'clock interurban car and the burial was in the Odd Fellows cemetery there.

Surviving relatives of the deceased woman are Mrs. J. C. Bush, a daughter, Thomas Noy, Isiah Noy and William Noy, all residents of the city, James Noy, of Phillips; Ira Noy of Good Hope, and Clarence Noy, sons, Mrs. Mary Campbell, of Smithfield, a sister, and Joseph Copenhaver, of Smithfield, a brother.

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EXPONET IDEA GOES WITH POP

Nursery Notion of a Political Issue is Killed As Suddenly As It Was Born and All the Gang's Horses and All the Gang's Men Can't Put the Thing Back Together Again

Unofficial Returns, City Election, April 4, 1916

For Mayor—	190	155	189	181	247	962
Robert B. Phillips, D.	250	342	308	262	337	1499
G. Harry Gordon, R.						537
For Chief of Police—						
K. N. Sappington, D.	222	187	193	236	258	1096
Harry L. Brooks, R.	219	310	299	206	326	1362
For City Clerk—						
William R. Johnson, D.	220	209	196	218	332	1175
Will H. Cole, R.	213	282	288	216	246	1245
For Superintendent of Streets—						
M. M. Bradford, D.	182	162	175	206	259	984
Edward J. Doyle, R.	249	332	307	222	314	1424
For Collector and Treasurer—						
Lewis M. Sutton, D.	190	175	163	211	250	989
L. Harper Rogers, R.	234	319	320	219	327	1419
For Member Water Works and Sewerage Board—						
Thomas S. Lang, D.	213	148	171	165	215	912
Truman J. Lynch, R.	222	344	307	259	355	1487
For City Assessor—						
John W. Harbert, D.	186	153	146	167	242	894
John D. Owens, R.	243	341	327	257	330	1498
For School Commissioner—						
G. M. Barnett, D.	168	124	141	132	255	820
Robert Morris, R.	256	367	339	294	375	1631
For Council—						
John A. Flaherty, D.	238					36
Michael Crowley, R.	202					171
Charles B. Stout, D.	323					152
Calvin Wilson, R.	186					108
Thomas E. Lee, D.	294					206
Darius S. Lawman, R.	221					15
Frank G. Bland, D.	242					389
Charles L. Patton, R.						97
U. W. Jarvis, D.						
W. B. Conaway, R.						

STEAMER IN TROUBLE

Fails to Get Help Because German Submarine Frightens the British Away.

PARIS, April 5.—A despatch from Valencia, dated April 4, says that a Norwegian steamer was seen during the morning thirty miles off the coast of Spain signalling for help. A British steamer approached to render assistance but perceiving a German submarine in the neighborhood made for port under full steam and reported the incident to the Spanish authorities and to the British and Norwegian consuls. The fate of the Norwegian steamer is unknown.

FARMERS' MEETING.

A joint meeting of the farmers of Marion and Harrison county will be held at Wyatt Friday, beginning at 10 a. m. Demonstration work, lime, commercial fertilizers and other timely subjects will be discussed. A good attendance is very much desired.

The Exponent's suddenly conceived and privately manufactured boom to annex suburban towns by the fantastic expedient of electing a Democratic mayor of Clarksburg exploded with a slight pop Tuesday night when figures rolled in from the different wards of the city and showed that the entire Republican ticket headed by Mayor George H. Gordon had been elected by lopsided majorities, the single exception to a clean sweeping of the platter being the election of a Democratic councilman in the First ward by a majority of 36.

At Newspaper Office. The annexation boom exploded—perhaps it would be better to say that it imploded as there was nothing in it—on the pavement in front of the Exponent office in West Pike street, and it was discovered that the thing had never got any farther away from that office, although some of the Democratic gang headed by W. Guy Tetric had been "sweating blood" over it for days.

Following the implosion, the remnants of the great idea were swept upon a piece of cardboard and carried into the editor's office of the Exponent. Nobody could make anything out of the stuff and a hurry call was sent out for Dr. J. W. Johnston, the great consoler of Democratic defeats, with the request that he bring his microscope along. It is said that Dr. Johnston couldn't tell what the thing was even with his microscope and he deferred an examination until today, although reports in the morning were that the great boom had shriveled into this also—had vanished completely. Thus another brilliant intellectual achievement came to naught.

Democrats Disgusted. Throughout the city, Democrats expressed disgust over the idiotic annexation boom and pity for Robert B. Phillips, the genial Democratic candidate for mayor that he should have been insulted and abused by the Democratic ringsters with such silly trash. In fact, there was considerable bitter feeling and it was appraised only by the suggestion that perhaps a lunacy board might be appointed to look into the situation. Many Democrats were of the opinion that if the annexation insanity had not been brought out in the campaign, Phillips might have got a few more votes.

Republicans Thankful. It is understood that the Republican city executive committee will meet in a few days and pass resolutions of thanks to the Democratic gang for its thoughtfulness in helping along the great Republican victory.

The splendid Republican victory, however, was not entirely due to the annexation gibberish as all friends of those who were on the Republican ticket know. Mayor Gordon's administration received a rousing endorsement of 537 majority, while in some instances the majorities ran away over the half thousand mark, away over the half thousand mark, popular and efficient Robert Morris for school commissioner running like wild fire and tearing off a majority of 811. It is pretty fine to have a runner on a ticket like Mr. Morris.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Hallerman, of Weston, are here on a brief visit.



OUR MAYOR



HANDSOME HARRY